

**City of Hurst
City Council Minutes
Tuesday, May 23, 2017**

On the 23rd day of May 2017, at 6:30 p.m., the City Council of the City of Hurst, Texas, convened in Regular Meeting at City Hall, 1505 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, Texas, with the following members present:

Henry Wilson	)	Mayor Pro Tem
Larry Kitchens	)	Councilmembers
Nancy Welton)	
David Booe)	
Trasa Cobern)	
Clay Caruthers	)	City Manager
John Boyle	)	City Attorney
Allan Heindel	)	Deputy City Manager
Rita Frick	)	City Secretary
Clayton Fulton	)	Executive Director of Fiscal and Strategic Services
Malaika Marion Farmer	)	Executive Director of Administration and Customer Services
Michelle Lazo	)	Managing Director of Development
Steve Niekamp	)	Assistant Police Chief
Mark Schwobel	)	Police Lieutenant
Ryan Rider	)	Police Corporal

With the following Councilmembers absent: Mayor Richard Ward and Councilmember Bill McLendon, constituting a quorum; at which time, the following business was transacted:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Larry Kitchens gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Presentation and recognition of Joe Watson Scholarship Recipient.

Assistant Police Chief Steve Niekamp reviewed the history of the Joe Watson Scholarship, which honors the legacy of former Police Chief Joe Watson. He stated the scholarship provides financial assistance to selected graduating seniors. This year, a scholarship was awarded to student Lindsey Watts. He explained this is the last year for this fund, which is closing, but the Hurst Police Officers Association will continue the scholarship. Chief Niekamp introduced Lindsey Watts, a graduating senior from Grapevine High School who graduates with a 3.743 GPA and plans to attend TCU. Ms. Watts expressed appreciation to her parents for their support and to the City of Hurst for the scholarship. Mayor Pro Tem Wilson stated Lindsey is an example of hope for the future.

PERSON(S) TO BE HEARD

2. Ms. Juanita Lemmon, 304 West Pecan, Hurst, Texas requested to speak regarding surveillance cameras at 300 West Pecan.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson recognized Ms. Lemmon who stated she owns a home on West Pecan and expressed concern about anyone being able to use a video camera to get someone in trouble, and explained issues she and others are having with a neighbor using a video camera. She expressed her desire for laws prohibiting people from harassing individuals in this manner and requested assistance from Council. Assistant Police Chief Steve Niekamp stated this is an uncomfortable situation, but the police are bound by the law, and the neighbor has not broken any laws. He stated it is common practice today for people to have video and still cameras, and noted circumstances when it would be considered illegal to video someone. Mayor Pro Tem Wilson advised Ms. Lemmon that the City Attorney will advise the Council if the City has any recourse in the situation.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Considered approval of the minutes for the May 9, 2017 City Council meetings.
4. Considered cancelation of July 25, 2107 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Booe moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Cobern. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Booe, Kitchens, Cobern, Wilson and Welton

No: None

PUBLIC HEARING(S) AND RELATED ITEM(S)

5. Conducted a Public Hearing to consider SP-17-03, a site plan on Lot 2, Block A, Toyota-Hurst Addition, being 4.70 acres located at 240 NE Loop 820.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson announced the Public Hearing to consider SP-17-03, a site plan on Lot 2, Block A, Toyota-Hurst Addition, and recognized Managing Director of Development Michelle Lazo who reviewed the proposed Hurst Autoplex expansion for pre-owned certified cars. Ms. Lazo reviewed the site plan, building elevations, lighting plan, landscaping and signage noting the expansion will look very similar to the existing site. Applicant Clay Christy, Clay Moore Engineering, stated the application is for an expansion on the current facility and is happy to answer any questions.

There being no one else to speak, Mayor Pro Tem Wilson closed the public hearing.

In response to Councilmembers' questions, Mr. Christy stated the access point will be the existing drive.

6. Considered Ordinance 2359, first reading, to consider SP-17-03, a site plan on Lot 2, Block A, Toyota-Hurst Addition, being 4.70 acres located at 240 NE Loop 820.

Councilmember Welton moved to approve SP-17-03 Hurst Autoplex, a site plan revision for Lot 2, Block A, Toyota-Hurst Addition, being 4.70 acres located at 240 NE Loop 820 and Ordinance 2359. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kitchens. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Booe, Kitchens, Cobern, Wilson and Welton

No: None

7. Conducted a Public Hearing to consider SUP-17-06, to consider a Specific Use Permit on a portion of Lot 2, Block 3, Woodbridge Plaza Addition, being 2.81 acres located at 420 Grapevine Highway. (The applicant requested this item be withdrawn).

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson stated the applicant withdrew the request.

RESOLUTION(S)

8. Considered Resolution 1666 approving a Negotiated Settlement between Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy Corporation regarding their Rate Review Mechanism filing.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson recognized Executive Director of Fiscal and Strategic Services Clayton Fulton who reviewed the Atmos rate filing process. Mr. Fulton stated Atmos filed a revenue increase of \$52.4 million, or about \$4.4 million more than will be approved by the resolution. He explained the City, along with other similarly situated cities served by Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division is a member of the Atmos Cities Steering Committee, which recommend that all cities adopt the Resolution approving the negotiated rate settlement resolving the 2017 RRM filing, and implementing the rate change. He noted the monthly residential customer charge will be \$19.60, the consumption charge will be \$0.14 per Ccf. Mr. Fulton stated the monthly bill impact for the typical residential customer consuming 46.8 Ccf will be an increase of \$2.04, or about 3.87%. The typical commercial customer will see an increase of \$6.27, or 2.37%.

In response to Councilmembers' questions, Mr. Fulton stated the reviewed settlement is lower than proposed. He stated that the committee believes this is a fair settlement, and the committee is made up of many cities in the area.

Councilmember Kitchens moved to approve Resolution 1666 accepting the negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy Corp. Motion seconded by Councilmember Booe. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Booe, Kitchens, Cobern, Wilson and Welton

No: None.

9. Considered Resolution 1667 Supporting Application to the Office of the Governor for the Combined Mental Health Coordinator Grant for the cities of Hurst, Euless and Bedford to operate a Combined Mental Health Coordinator.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson recognized Assistant Police Chief Steve Niekamp who stated the City has had this program for several years and reviewed case statistics of the Mental Health Coordinator. He stated, this year, the grant application request is \$110,000 instead of the previous request for \$80,000. In response to Councilmembers' questions, Chief Niekamp explained the utilization of a Mental Health Coordinator frees up time for officers, and the grant provides salary, benefits, and training for the Coordinator.

Councilmember Cobern moved to adopt Resolution 1667 supporting the grant application to the Office of the Governor for the Mental Health Coordinator to continue serving the cities of Hurst, Euless, and Bedford. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kitchens. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Booe, Kitchens, Cobern, Wilson and Welton

No: None

10. Considered Resolution 1668 supporting Application, to the Office of the Governor, for a Combined Crime Victims Coordinator Grant, to operate the Combined Crime Victims Coordinator, for the cities of Hurst, Euless, and Bedford.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson recognized Assistant Police Chief Steve Niekamp who stated the program began in the City in 2002. He stated during 2016, the Victim's Assistance Coordinator provided services to 2,101 victims including those of violent crime. Chief Niekamp stated the only change in the grant from previous years, is the grant may be applied for a two year grant instead of one. In response to Councilmembers' questions, Chief Niekamp stated the cities work well together to coordinate the utilization of the Crime Victims Coordinator.

Councilmember Welton moved to adopt Resolution 1668 supporting the grant application for the Combined Crime Victims Coordinator Grant from the Office of the Governor to continue serving the cities of Hurst, Euless, and Bedford to operate a Combined Crime Victims Coordinator position. Motion seconded by Councilmember Cobern. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Booe, Kitchens, Cobern, Wilson and Welton

No: None.

11. Considered Resolution 1669, supporting application to the Office of the Governor, for a 3-D Laser Scanner Grant, to purchase a 3-D Laser Scanner, for the cities of Hurst, Euless, Bedford, Colleyville, and Grapevine.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson recognized Assistant Police Chief Steve Niekamp who stated the proposed scanner will be used for crime scene mapping, and by the crash team. He introduced Corporal Ryan Rider who reviewed how to operate the scanner and the benefits

of utilizing the 3-D technology. Corporal Rider noted this will dramatically improve the understanding of a crime scene by any outside spectator, such as officers not on the scene, prosecutors and defense attorneys, as well as judges and juries. In response to Councilmembers questions, Corporal Rider stated one scanner will be shared between the cities and, that per the agreement, Hurst will house and maintain the scanner. He explained there is also a hand scanner and laptop as part of the system. He explained the grant provides for six trained personnel and the usage will be priority based.

Councilmember Kitchens moved to adopt Resolution 1669 supporting the grant application of the 3-D Laser Scanner from the Office of the Governor to continue serving the cities of Hurst, Euless, Bedford, Colleyville, and Grapevine. Motion seconded by Councilmember Welton. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Booe, Kitchens, Cobern, Wilson and Welton

No: None.

OTHER BUSINESS

12. Review of upcoming calendar items – City Manager Caruthers reviewed the following calendar items:
 - Saturday, May 27, 2017, 9:45 a.m., Ribbon cutting and Grand Opening for the Central Aquatics Center. Deputy City Manager Allan Heindel reviewed activities for the event.
 - Monday, May 29, 2017, City Offices Closed
 - Tuesday, July 4, 2017, City Offices Closed
13. City Council Reports – Mayor Pro Team Wilson noted a recent state Bill to provide funding for bullet proof vests and body cameras, and inquired, if passed, could the City apply for the grant. City Manager Caruthers stated staff will check into the grant requirements.

PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD – A REQUEST TO APPEAR CARD MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE CITY SECRETARY TO BE RECOGNIZED - No one spoke.

ADJOURNMENT


The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

APPROVED this the 13th day of June 2017.

ATTEST:


Rita L. Frick, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Richard Ward, Mayor